

ing generations. May the Father's blessing always attend the Bethany worshipers.

D. C. MOOMAW.

To Brother P. J. Brown

When I see brother P. J. Brown's name in the EVANGELIST I must always see what he has to say. In No. 7, I see he makes some inquiry about me, and says, referring to me, "Maybe he can help me out on this question." So I will, for his sake and others whom it may concern, try to answer.

First, then, I would say, no, Brother Brown, I have not "left the ranks of the ministers" of my own accord, and I have not heard that I have been discharged, and so I suppose I stand in this particular about where I have for the last thirty-five years.

Second, "Why is not his name in the Annual?" For this I cannot account. But maybe it is partly on account of my unworthiness; perhaps it is mainly because the makers of the Annual could not find me at one place long enough to get my name. Whatever the cause may be it makes no difference to me, just so my name is written in "the Lamb's Book of Life."

Hoping this may help you out on your question, I remain as ever, yours for the cause of Christ.

JONATHAN HIRAM,

"Whose surname is SWIHART."

North Liberty, Ind.

The church at North Liberty, Ind., met in council February 16, with Brother Menaugh, our pastor, and a good number of the members present. We elected the necessary officers for the ensuing year; also decided to try having a Sunday-school, commencing April 1. Will get our supplies from the Brethren Publishing Board. Everything passed off encouragingly.

We only have preaching once a month, morning and evening; not often enough to progress very fast. We all are very much pleased with our pastor. He is doing all he can for the cause, the same as Brother Ditch did last year. Both are good, efficient workers for the Brethren church.

I promised to report at the close of our protracted meeting, but it closed a little abrupt by reason of Brother Swihart taking sick. We had only the two accessions by letter.

We expect Brother Swihart to locate among us this spring. It will be nice to have a good resident minister. The church here is hopeful of a large degree of prosperity in the future. Pray for the good cause at North Liberty.

SUSAN FRANCE.

Announcement

Our series of Gospel meetings will begin in Goshen on Sunday, March 3. This is an invitation for all who can to attend. There are many who live within reach of Goshen who are starving their souls. As evidence, notice the excuses: "It's too far." "It's too cold." "It's too muddy." "It's too bad for the horses." "It's too much bother to hitch up." It simply means, "I don't care much for the Lord's cause." Do you want to die that way? The same chapter that says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Better face this command now than in eternity. Come, we need you.

G. W. RERCH.

Nappanee, Ind.

I arrived at Nappanee, Ind., last evening. We had a good meeting last night. This church is near its mother church, Milford, Ind.

These brethren feel a little jealous because of what our dear Brother Rensch said, that Milford had the finest church building in the state of Indiana. They think that had he come over to Nappanee and examined their building closely he would not have so written. Well, Nappanee has really a pretty church, but I don't think that they are too proud of it. They have a membership of

about sixty. Pray for us here, and also for our work in Chicago. We will go from here to Chicago and from there to Allentown, Pa.

We are very glad to say that our home work is progressing nicely. Sunday night six publicly confessed Christ. This made me feel like staying at home and beginning a protracted meeting in Philadelphia, instead of at Nappanee. Our Sunday-school is increasing in attendance and interest. Several of those who confessed Christ were pupils of our Sunday-school.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Akron, Ind.

The work at the Brethren Chapel is moving along nicely. We have secured brother J. H. Swihart as our pastor for the balance of the conference year.

We hope to begin our protracted meeting soon. We are earnestly praying for a good meeting and for the salvation of precious souls. We believe there are some near the kingdom. Some who are members of other denominations are in sympathy with our doctrine and we are praying that they may accept the whole truth.

They would be an honor to the cause of Christ, and their influence would help others to accept the Savior. But we have the enemy to fight here as elsewhere.

In reply to brother P. J. Brown will just say that Brother Swihart is neither dead or asleep, nor has he left the ministry, but is holding forth the word of God in a protracted effort at Tiosa. We had the pleasure of attending the meeting last Sunday. He was not fully recovered from the grip which has hindered his work.

Pray for the revival at the chapel.

MRS. JOHN MILLER.

Here and There

During January, 1901, preached three sermons in the Oakland church, Armstrong Co., Pa., one in the Cowenshannoc, ten in the Highland church, Washington Co., Pa., one in Cherryhill, Indiana Co., Pa. Subject, "Ordination from a Bible Standpoint." After the sermon, elder R. Z. Replogle joining in the solemn services, our dear brother, Wellington C. Berkeypile, was ordained by prayer, laying on of hands and charge. May the Lord bless his laborers. Will the editor please file his name for the next *Annual*. His address is "Ideal," Indiana Co., Pa.

February.—Cowenshannoc, two sermons; Blanco, one; Oakland, three; Brush Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa., nine. On the evening of the 18th, delivered a quarter centennial sermon. Twenty-five years prior to that time, February 13, 1876, I preached in that church edifice my first sermon from the text, "He shall be great," Luke 1:32. I was pastor of that congregation and two others for thirteen successive years, having since occasionally assisted in the good work. During those years many have fallen asleep in Jesus, while, (bless the Lord) many have been called of the Lord and become adopted sons and daughters of God. So the good work progresses.

Recently brethren D. J. Bole, R. E. Darling and R. Z. Replogle have done much in reviving the good work and adding to the number of the disciples about 20 souls. May the Lord bless them all in the good work.

Closed the meeting at Brush Valley with communion and its concomitant services, during which the best of order prevailed. A deep interest was manifested and all the membership encouraged and apparently happy.

I am sorry that Highland, Brush Valley and Oakland are without regular pastors. If all the Brethren who are called of the Lord and ordained to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ would fulfill their promises and commission, very many of those vacancies could and would be abundantly supplied. May the Lord hasten the day. My dear Brethren, do not bury your God given talents.

Statistical.—During the past five years, ending

December 31, 1900, delivered 790 sermons and lectures, an average of 158 per year. Wrote 1188 letters and postal cards, an average of 236 3/5 per year. "What will the harvest be?" None but the triune God can know. May his the glory be; in time and in eternity.

At home, wife sick. Pray for us.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

Died

ALBAUGH—Montelle Victor Albaugh, son of John and Annie Albaugh, Feb. 14, 1901, aged 7 months and 6 days. Montelle was a bright little fellow and dearly loved by his parents. He was sick but a short time when the summons came that released him from earth. May God grant the bereaved parents sustaining grace from on high in their hour of sorrow. Funeral services by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. D. Frum, of the M. E. church. Interment in the Wesley Chapel cemetery.

J. L. BOWMAN.

HOUGH—Wm Franklin Hough, son of David and Milisia Hough, was born June 2 1869 in Decalb Co., Ind., where he lived until called to the great beyond. At the age of 28 years he was married to Miss Allyda Amelia Smith. To this union was born one son, who with his mother, yet remain on this side of the mystic river. With them that mourn are his father, mother, three brothers and three sisters and many sympathizing friends. In February 1896, he joined the Brethren church and lived a consistent life while he was permitted to stay in this valley of tears. He was a kind husband and father. Truly can we say that while we are enjoying life the unexpected may come. While the hand of affliction was laid on our brother, yet we did not expect his departure so soon. In a time when you think not the Son of man cometh, be ye also ready. On February 9, in the early morning his sight grew dim, the mortal combat took place, the victory won and the spirit of Brother Hough went home to God. His age was 31 years 8 months and 7 days. He will be missed in the home, in the church and community. May our loss be his eternal gain. Funeral services from the Brethren church at Auburn Junction by Rev. Brosy and the writer.

WM M. SUMMERS.

BOMGARDNER—Sarah Elizabeth Bomgardner, wife of brother G. B. Bomgardner, and daughter of brother Daniel Stutzman, all of Mineral Point, Pa., Feb. 15 1901, aged 35 years, 5 months and 4 days. She leaves behind a devoted husband, two children, a girl and a boy, father and mother, four sisters and two brothers. The dreaded disease consumption invaded her physical being and claimed her for its victim. Sister Sadie, as she was commonly called, was a devoted and affectionate wife and mother. She had a genial and affable disposition. There seemed to be no limit to her kindness and hospitality to all who entered her home. She was highly respected, both as a neighbor and a Christian, in the circle of her acquaintance. And as a proof of this was the large concourse of friends and acquaintances who attended her funeral and followed her remains to their last resting place. Many tears were shed over her departure. She was a devoted and consistent Christian, was always ready to do what she could to help the cause along and make this world better. She was anxious not to leave anything undone in reference to her own eternal welfare and asked that she be anointed. And as she was a member of the Conemaugh congregation of the Brethren church, I was sent for, to which call I responded and anointed her according to James 5:13-16.

She passed peacefully away in a triumphant faith. The funeral was one of the largest in that community. The surviving friends have many sympathizers. The funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by Brethren Haskins, Bowman Hilderbrand and Byers. Text Jer. 15:9. Peace to her ashes.

J. F. KOONTZ.